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Senator Looney and Representative Janowski and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee:

On behalf of CT NOFA (the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut) and its nearly 800 members, I support Steve Reviczky's confirmation as Commissioner of Agriculture.

As executive director of CT NOFA I have worked closely with Steve on the board of the Connecticut Farmland Trust, on the steering committees of the Working Lands Alliance and BuyCTGrown, as well as on legislative initiatives and other projects.

I have a great respect for Steve's long-time and deep connections to Connecticut agriculture and for his commitment to and support for the growing local food movement. He has drawn our two associations into a closer collaboration that is extremely beneficial for the state's agricultural community.

His experience working in the Departments of Environmental Protection and Agriculture will facilitate an effective start on the important work of building the state's agricultural production in order to provide more fresh, local and healthy food to all of Connecticut's citizens.

CT NOFA is a non-profit membership organization of farmers, gardeners, land-care professionals and consumers which has "Cultivated an Organic Connecticut" since 1982. We are particularly interested in the critical role that organic methods of farming, gardening and land care can play in mitigating and adapting to climate change and reversing the dangerous loss of biodiversity. CT NOFA members are very interested in urban agriculture, community farms and gardens and the growth of sustainable farms in Connecticut.

Because of his knowledge, experience and passion for Connecticut Agriculture, I believe that Steve Reviczky will be a strong and effective Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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